

In favor of Stewart Bros., press job work 39 per cent.

On composition, press work, and binding in muslin, of the report of railroad commission, 2,000 copies, in favor of Stewart Bros., \$241.23.

On all other muslin binding, in favor of Stewart Bros., nearly 200 per cent.

In favor of Stewart Bros., on job ruling 100 per cent.

In favor of Stewart Bros., ruling and binding blank books 300 per cent.

In favor of Stewart Bros., registration books nearly 15 per cent.

Your sub-committee further finds that the only instance in which Stewart Bros. are not the lowest bidder, is in paper binding of copies of 150 pages or less, and that amounts to only \$177.93, which is more than cancelled by muslin binding alone.

Respectfully submitted,

STARBUCK, *Chairman Sub-Committee.*

Raified the 9th day of March, A. D. 1895.

CHAPTER 194.

An act for the improvement of the public roads of North Carolina.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact :

Counties may
levy special road
tax.

Tax limit.

Collected as
other taxes.

Counties raising
tax entitled to
25 convicts free
of charge.

Counties to
guard them and
pay expenses of
keeping.

Proviso.

SECTION 1. That any county in this state may, through their regular constituted authorities, levy a tax for the improvement of their public roads, which tax shall in no case exceed fifteen cents on the one hundred dollars' worth of property, and forty-five cents on the poll, (and that the constitutional equation shall at all times be observed) in any one year, and which shall be collected as other county taxes.

SEC. 2. Any county having raised a fund under the preceding section of this act may be, and is hereby, entitled to the use of twenty-five convicts from the state prison, in addition to the number of convicts such county may have furnished, and at that time are in the state prison, to be furnished by the state, in the order of their application, to the several counties free of charge for service, transportation or clothes; but all other expense for the safe keeping, feeding, care of and then return of such convicts shall be paid by the county authorities, out of the special fund for the improvement of the public roads: *Provided*, no application for convicts shall be considered by